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## TREES PLANTED FOR SHADE TO COOING LOVERS

At last enthusiasm is becoming aroused in the matter of beautifying the town with trees and shrubs. It is a very short time, if things progress well, when bassano will soon be studded under the shade of large palm trees and in banana groves farming each other to the tune of the "Old Sweet Song."

During the past week hundreds of trees of varying sizes have been in town and have been planted gratis by the citizens and all far as can be learned they are all doing well. The Mail knows of quite a few residents who are going crazy over shrubbery and trees, and could make a story book out of it if it so desired, but for the sake of space and because it is not mentioning them is deemed most advisable not to mention them. The Mail, however, now has quite a little forest around its domestic domicile, to which will be added to as time goes on and be happy at the prospect of having the forestry branch of the C. P. R. for the generous donation of the health trees.

Another move on foot is the creation of a boulevard on Third Avenue West. The Mail has been in touch with the most interested arboriculturists who are beautifying their home lots, and an application, it is expected, will soon be made for boulevarding the block. The Councilors, who all have keen eyes for the beauties in flora, fauna and general surroundings, will receive requests and a real beginning will be made. Mayor Travis is so keen on this matter that he even stays up all night to watch his trees grow.

The little birds are making a move to decorate the hospital grounds with trees and make the outside as well as the inside thoroughly artistic. Dr. Scott, who took quite a serious objection to stumps being cut out, now believes that this little green stuff outside the edifice will add softness to his patient and make them get well quicker they are to no one.

The little birds are also delighted with the appearance of the trees.

## JAS. R. SHARP KILLED

Tuesday's paper conveyed the news of the death of Lieut. Jas. R. Sharp, he having been killed in action somewhere in France. The late Jas. R. Sharp was a well-known and learned man, being the first editor on The Mail and the man who gave the paper its first introduction to the public.

Previous to coming to Bassano he was employed on the Morning Albertan, and after leaving the paper he became a reporter for the Star in Edmonton. He was a well-known and capable newspaper man, one well liked in every circle to which he mixed, and there are many who will regret to learn of his sudden death.

### BIRTHS

Wilson—On Friday, May 18, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson, a daughter, Galley—On Monday, May 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Galley, a son.

Krause—On Sunday, May 20th to Mr. and Mrs. W. Krause, a son.

Eason—On Sunday, May 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eason, a daughter.

## AUDIENCE WEEPS WHEN MITCHELL TALKS TO THEM

Before a fair-sized audience on Saturday evening last Hon. Chas. R. Mitchell, Liberal Candidate for the Bow Valley constituency, delivered an address and endeavored to point out to his hearers just why he should be returned to his Provincial house on June 7th. His principal reasons seemed to be simple because it would be better for the constituency to have a Cabinet Minister as its representative and because he had dealt fairly with the constituents, distributing the patronage as nearly as he could among both Liberals and Conservatives. This latter general assertion, however, was not backed up by any specific instance of any of the Conservatives being doing out anything to boast of by the Provincial government.

As a matter of fact the speech of the Provincial Secretary was more or less a replica of that of his chief, Premier Sifton in Calgary, the only appreciable difference being that Mr. Mitchell was not at all interrupted by questions from returned soldiers or others, and that he had his own sweet way all the way through.

In general terms the speaker gave a dissertation on the recent legislation placed on the Statute books of the Province, especially mentioning the Dower Act, which entitled a woman to half the bed, "The Cow Bell" act which provided for the birth of a lot of steers, the Rural Credit Act, which would literally line the pockets of the wealthy farmers with gold, and the Woman's Suffrage Act which would permit the ladies to get a lot of new hats in order to "vote right." This all, he described, as the most excellent and progressive legislation that had ever been enacted by any government, and he led his audience to believe that the Sifton government was the best, the cleanest and most competent that it was possible to secure. In fact according to Mr. Mitchell the Sifton government had done nothing wrong and was surely entitled to a pension should it be retired after the present election.

The speaker took up the matter of railway guarantees, and the alleged shortage on account of the sale of \$6,000,000 worth of bonds. The discrepancy was explained away in his own astute and suave manner, and almost had the audience weeping that such an honest, capable, sincere and God-fearing set of men as he and L. P. Arthur should ever be accused of being clever enough to uproot.

## MAKE IT HOT

The Gleichen Call says—  
At 2:30 in the afternoon of Empire Day—May 24—the Gleichen Baseball nine will start the defeat of the Bassano nine and will complete the job an hour or two later in that burg. In the evening they will dance with fair ladies of their defeated opponents and return home sometime the next morning to the best town on earth. Every Gleichenite is expected to be in Bassano for this occasion and Bassano will welcome them defeated or victorious. That's right, Mail.

If the Bassano boys do not give the Gleichen crowd a good time and the baseball boys a real hot time, we'll never ask them to come back here again. Bring your lady friends with you—Ed.

## HUTTON TO PICNIC

On Monday, June 4th, the Hutton U. F. A. will hold their 5th annual picnic. The programme commences at 1 o'clock. Included in the programme will be horse races, foot races, automobile races, tug-of-war and all other kinds of sports.

Refreshments will be served on the grounds, and in the evening a baseball game will be played. The local people of Hutton hope for a good crowd from Bassano to help in celebrating the day. Many should be in attendance for the ball game in the evening.

## MARRIED

At the Mane, by the Rev. W. S. Brooks, Monday, May 21, Walter McBride of Nately and Miss Magdalene Florida Jacob of Cossid.

to allow any of their other government conferences to get away with one out of the dear public's money.

John Morden, who was chairman of the meeting, bowed in abject tribute to his superior in closing the meeting, and assured his audience that bridge could not help but be built all over the country since Mr. Mitchell had said they would, and in this Mr. Mitchell had said he off the map.

The meeting smashed up in the singing of God Save the King, and the huge audience walked out slowly behind the bears, apparently having forgotten that the present government allowed the people to deprive themselves of getting a little sport after the meeting. The collection was apparently forgotten in the uproar.

## BASEBALL BOYS TRIM GEM BY NARROW SQUEAK

Some say that you can't play baseball until you get warmed up. This seemed to be doubly true of the Bassano nine and the Gleichen boys in that burg. In the evening they will dance with fair ladies of their defeated opponents and return home sometime the next morning to the best town on earth. Every Gleichenite is expected to be in Bassano for this occasion and Bassano will welcome them defeated or victorious. That's right, Mail.

It was a 1-1 for the visiting team in the first three innings, while Bassano stuck around with goose eggs for the whole of six innings and it looked as though the Gem boys were firmly entrenched for a win. In the fourth inning with the local boys to bat a tragedy occurred, when Fortier at bat knocked out a right fielder and made three bases. There were already two out, and Fortier dodged back and forth while the "batter up" endeavored to make a hit. But he never connected and Fortier's heart went down in his boots for that inning. In the 7th inning Rogers repeated Fortier's trick with a base hit and brought home Balkan and scored two more out. Currie fanned and with one score stood 2-2 in favor of Gem.

In the 8th inning, with two men on base Fortier landed a home run and tallied three more to the home team. Stinson and Culbertson also got home in this inning and the score stood 7-3 in favor of Bassano. Then Gem again went to bat and try as they would they could not make more than a score of 6 against our boys.

Of the two teams it was apparent that Gem has by no means a slouch team. As an all-round bunch of players the Colony has it over our boys, but the redeeming feature of the home team was several good individual players. Rogers is a good pitcher, but he has nothing on Burroughs of Gem at that.

The line up for Gem team was as follows:

Gem—Fryberger, 1st; Hyatt, 2nd; Rumbal, 3rd; Burroughs, 4th; Scheiner, 5th; Brown, 1st; Badenauer, 6th; Shanks, 1st.

The scores by innings were  
Gem—111000008—6

## CAMPAIGN OPEN

B. F. Purcell—Conservative candidate for the election of Bow Valley, opened his campaign at Gleichen on Monday night, where a large audience listened intently to a thoughtful and conscientious address by John S. Mavor.

Mr. Mavor clearly outlined the misgivings which the Liberal administration of Alberta, and, in particular, Mr. Sifton, had brought about in the province. The audience was thoroughly aroused and as a result many votes have been promised Mr. Purcell in this corner of the riding.

## BASEBALL TOMORROW

There should be a big crowd out to witness the game between the baseball teams between Gleichen and Bassano, as the local boys promise to put up the very best team and the very best game they possibly can to interest the spectators.

Manager Forster anticipates that for the baseball team that will be organized in this town, and the boys after their little performance of last Sunday feel quite confident that if they cannot beat the crack team from Gleichen, they can at least give them a good run for their money.

The lineup for the game will be as follows:

Currie, s; McCaughey, c; Culbertson, 3rd; Hyatt, 2nd; Stinson, 1st; Balkan, 2nd; Rogers and Krake pitchers.

The game will commence at 2:30 sharp and spectators are requested to be on hand to witness the whole of the nine grand acts.

Mrs. J. J. Wilson and children have returned from the Pacific Coast where they have been wintering and are the guests of Mrs. E. G. Hillyer Bassano en route to their home in Brooks.

The Red Cross Society will meet at the home of Mrs. A. H. Swain on Friday May 26th. All members are requested to be present.

Evening song and sermon on Sunday (Whit Sunday) evening at 7:30 at the Church of the Blessed Virgin.

Sunday being Farmers' Sunday, a special sermon to agriculturists will be given in the Presbyterian church on Sunday night at 7:30.

At the hospital on Tuesday morning, the death occurred of the one-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Jenner.

Bassano—000000025—7

Berger, Shanks, Burroughs, Rumbal and Stinson made the home plate for Gem. Burroughs registering two runs.

For the home team the runs were made by Balkan, Stinson, 2nd, McCaughey, Forster and Culbertson.

Bassano—Currie, s; Thomas, 1st; McCaughey, 2nd; Forster, c; Balkan, 3rd; Stinson, 1st; Krake, 3rd; Culbertson, 1st; Rogers, p.

## BRISTLE SHOPS MAY STAY OPEN AFTER 8 O'CLOCK

Because the editor can assure a little story where this happened to a little boy of Scotch, on Monday night and arrived at the Council meeting a little late, there was not very much doing among the old town fathers. In fact they had got pretty well under way when the editor, who had been busily discussing whether it would be advisable to help Constable Buxton out by passing a bylaw to regulate the barker shops and close them up at 8 o'clock.

Manicurist Joe King who runs a little dinky toenail and manicure shop in connection with his law-hogged pool table, had made some complaint about the badly-worded address to set him back in his place of trade and make him let "Stun" Williams loose to roam around in dark corners after 8 o'clock at night. Some of the Councilors, including the editor, who is the part of Joe King and a deep-seated sympathizer, were up in their hearts, driving them almost to tears.

But there were some hard-hearted wretches in the Council and they sat down tooth and nail on any such suggestion. Constable Buxton went to the editor and said "Son, you know that the man who comes across the river where he sells a few clothes, should be entitled to get a shave and spruce up a bit when they come into town, at any time of the day or night they may need to. Consider the fact that the man who is to shave him, has right to regulate a man's working hours, he could work forever if he wanted to. Councillor Golden bid his pipe real hard, spit on the floor and said Ah-ah.

The Alderman Connolly made a motion which was seconded by Mr. King's communication he said upon a tyro prodded accordingly.

Major Travis who was beastly in favor of King's passionate appeal reluctantly voted for the motion. Alderman Golden not being present to bid for a shave.

Geo. Murdoch petitioned the Council to permit him to run a pipe line back of his and other lots for the purpose of water connection for at least seven households. This was allowed. Murdoch is to do the work.

The question of opening up the Bartsel and Stinson coal mine for the Indians for the winter, moved that the Department of Indian Affairs be written to asking them to make arrangements with the Indians to lease their coal mine or a coal mine to the town.

Alderman Connolly brought up the coal question and in order to see that the Indians did not get a raw deal this winter, he moved that the Department of Indian Affairs be written to asking them to make arrangements with the Indians to lease their coal mine or a coal mine to the town.

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P. W. Stroop, Editor

Tomorrow will be Empire Day, Good Queen Victoria's birthday, and a regular Statute holiday. The memory of Good Queen Victoria, will ever remain fresh in the minds of true Britons, for she was always a Queen—not in name only—but in deed a Queen. During her reign many liberties

were granted her subjects which the generations to come are enjoying, and which generations to follow will continue to enjoy. Her reign marked an expansion of true democracy never realized before, and it is fitting that her memory should be perpetuated by a national holiday.

Yet while we labored ones are spending our time in sport and rejoicing—for that must be relaxation—there should be a thought of two for those who today are fighting and dying to preserve that true democracy which Good Queen Victoria bequeathed to us. And while our ships and our seamen protect our shores from any possible invasion we should not forget that the foundation for the grandest and greatest fleet that ever sailed the seas, was laid in the days of Queen Victoria. Much less should we forget that today to our navy and seamen a great debt is due. Let your smiles and laughter, to whom they be mingled with a little regret and a little sympathy for those in peril both on sea and land.

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